

**2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**REQUEST NO.:** 182

**REQUESTED BY:** Kitchen

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**REQUEST:** Concerning the funding for utility excavation and repair services, please explain the source of these funds. Is this funding from an Austin Water transfer, Transportation User Fee, or another source?

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**RESPONSE:**

Austin Water transfers funding from its operating fund to the Public Works Transportation Fund to pay for utility excavation and repair services. The Minor Construction and Repair program within the Transportation Fund repairs cuts in the pavement from Austin Water having to cut the pavement to fix a reported leak in the system. In early FY 2016-17, the Auditor's Office conducted an audit of utility excavation and repair services, and one of the key findings was the need to address the backlog of utility cut repairs. Austin Water and Public Works jointly put together a two year plan to address the backlog starting in FY 2017-18 and finishing in FY 2018-19. Each year, Austin Water will increase its transfer to Public Works by \$5.0 million for a contract that will specifically address the backlog. Once the backlog is eliminated in FY 2019-20, the transfer will be reduced accordingly to fund the normal yearly workload.